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Ms. Charis Tuers Air Resource Specialist BLM Wyoming State Office 5353 Yellowstone Road Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009

Re: BLM's Federal Register "Notice of Availability of the BLM Draft Presumed To Conform List of Actions Under General Conformity – Upper Green River Basin, Wyoming"

Dear Ms. Tuers:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Notice of Availability of the BLM Draft Presumed To Conform (PTC) List of Actions Under General Conformity – Upper Green River Basin, Wyoming contained in a Federal Register notice that was published on December 29, 2016 (81 FR 96033). The draft PTC List of Actions Under General Conformity involves BLM resource activities related to oil and gas development in the Upper Green River Basin's 2008 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard ozone nonattainment area. Our review and consultation focused on general conformity under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the federal general conformity regulations found in 40 CFR part 93, and the Wyoming Air Quality Standards Regulations (WAQSR) Chapter 8, Section 3 of Wyoming's State Implementation Plan.

The EPA would welcome the opportunity for further discussions with the BLM to ensure that the final PTC List of Actions Under General Conformity is consistent with federal General Conformity requirements. Please contact me at (303) 312-6936 to arrange a meeting between our respective offices. If your staff has questions regarding the CAA, WAQSR Chapter 8, Section 3, or the EPA's general conformity requirements please contact Scott Jackson, Unit Chief, of the EPA Region 8 Indoor Air, Toxics & Transportation Unit, at (303) 312-6107. For legal questions, your solicitor may contact Sara Laumann, Associate Regional Counsel, at (303) 312-6443.

Monica Morales

Sincerely.

Acting Director, Air Program